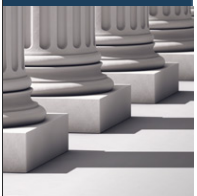


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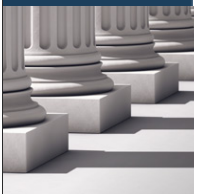
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### **FY2022**



# MISSION

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# JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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Supreme Court, Chair



**Judge Brian Cannell**  
District Court [1st]



**Judge Samuel Chiara**  
District Court [8th]



**Judge Augustus Chin**  
Justice Court [3rd]



**Judge David Connors**  
District Court [2nd]



**Judge Ryan Evershed**  
Juvenile Court [8th]



**Judge Paul Farr**  
Justice Court [3rd]



**Judge Michelle Heward**  
Juvenile Court [2nd]



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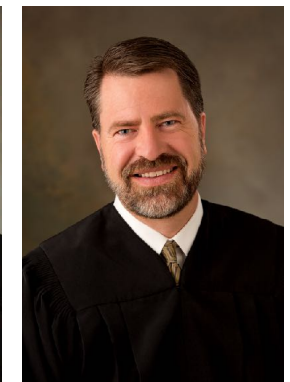
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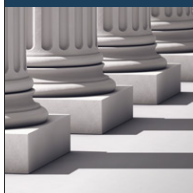
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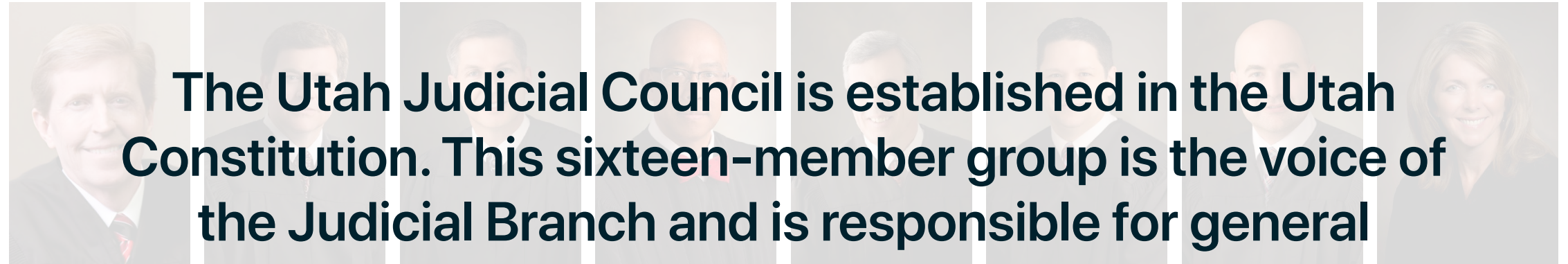


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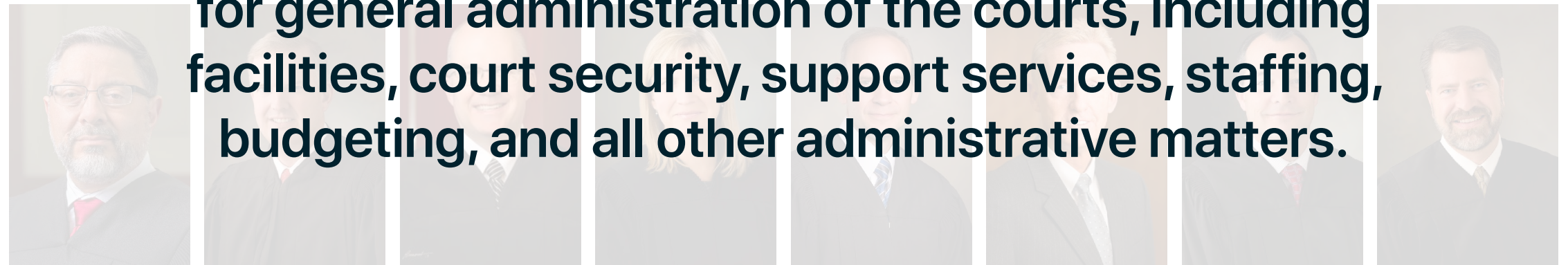
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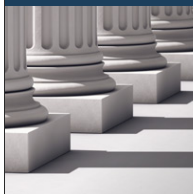


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# FY2022 BUDGET PRIORITIES

## #1 Technology Investment

- IT Developers • \$650,000
- Online Court Assistance Program • \$210,000
- Security Infrastructure • \$450,000
- Bandwidth Increases • \$25,000
- Webex Licensing • \$45,000
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**ONGOING** **ONE-TIME**  
**\$1,452,000**

## #2 Public Outreach Coordinator

**\$120,000**

## #3 Public Safety Out-of-State Criminal Histories

**\$220,500**

## #4 Court Commissioners – Recruit & Retain

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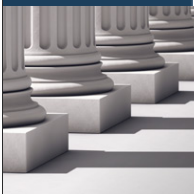
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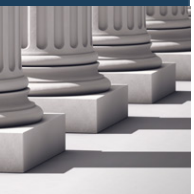


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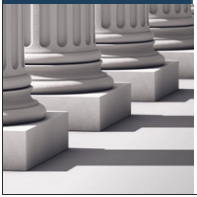
IT Developers • **\$650,000**

Support and enhance **core court apps**  
to **serve the public**

eFiling • MyCase • CORIS • CARE • AIS • VOICE • OCAP •  
Judicial Workspace • Webex platform • ODR • Xchange •  
Protective Orders • PC system • Problem Solving Courts •  
PSIs • 30+ agency web-service interfaces • and more...



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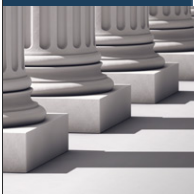
Helps self-represented parties **create legal docs**

2020 Examples: **5,503** divorces filed using OCAP

**>3,000** protective orders / stalking

**Downtime** leaves system inaccessible

Need two **dedicated technical support staff**





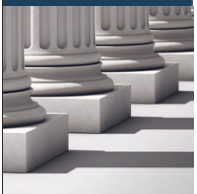
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Cybersecurity Infrastructure • **\$450,000**

**Protects** court systems from cyberattack

Detects and prevents **millions of threats** each year

**Data integrity** and **uninterrupted operations**



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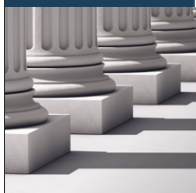
Rural Courthouse Bandwidth • **\$25,000**

**Sufficient bandwidth** for a unified court system

Helps guarantee **equal access to justice**

**Technology-based legal landscape** relies on web-based video to conduct court proceedings

**Increase parity** between urban and rural

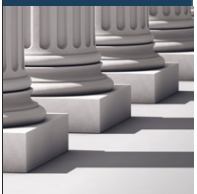


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Webex Licensing • **\$45,000**

**Efficiency** and **convenience** of remote hearings  
for parties and attorneys

Remote hearings involved nearly **800,000 unique  
participants** and **over 75,000 hours** of court  
business in 2020



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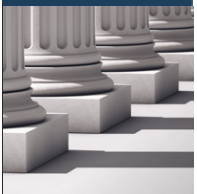
Microsoft Licensing • **\$72,000**

Microsoft Office = **standard for legal docs**

Over **1,500 court devices** on Office 2010

Software support end-of-life: **October 2020**

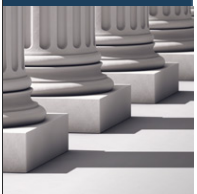
Daily **security risk** for judicial branch



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- IT Developers • OCAP • Cybersecurity Infrastructure • Rural Courthouse Bandwidth • Webex Licensing • Microsoft Licensing •

**TOTAL = \$1,452,000**



## #2 **Public Outreach Coordinator**

One FTE • **\$120,000**

Dedicated to establishing consistent, sustainable  
**bridges** with marginalized communities and individuals

Increase **public trust** and **confidence**

**Educate** about courts and services

Part of **Office of Fairness and Accountability**

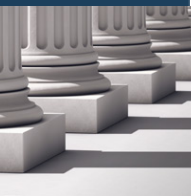


### #3 **Public Safety Out-of-State Criminal History Review**

Review criminal histories • **\$220,500**

Ensure judges receive **complete and accurate** criminal history **information** when making decision to release or detain an arrested individual

**30% increase** in ability to provide Public Safety Assessment to judges





## #4 **Court Commissioner Recruit & Retain**

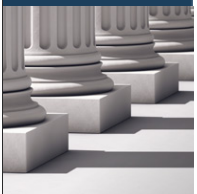
Compensation increase • **\$92,500**

### **COMMISSIONERS:**

Handle **family law** cases (except trial)

All decisions **subject to judge review**

**Efficient** use of judicial resources



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Compensation increase • **\$92,500**

**2nd District**  
(Weber / Davis County)



**3rd District**  
(Salt Lake County)



**4th District**  
(Utah County)

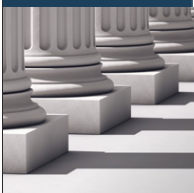


Current Salary

**\$144,200**

Proposed Salary

**\$153,450**



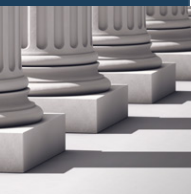
## #5 **Judicial Administration Certificate Program**

Invest in Future Court Admins • **\$50,000**  
• **\$10,000**

Provide path for **professional development** of  
future judicial administrators

Expand **knowledge, skills, and abilities**

Enhance **public service**



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